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SUBJECT: CAPTURED SOVIET EQUIPMENT: PROBLEMS WITH IDF

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1. AT AIRPORT RECEPTION FOR RETURN OF MRS MEIR ON TUESDAY, NOV 5, DEPPRIMIN ALLON ASSURED ME THAT "MY CONCERNS" OVER IDF COOPERATION HAD RESULTED IN RECONSIDERATION OF MATTER OF RELEASE OF "ONE OF A KIND" ITEMS FOR JOINT EXPLOITATION IN U.S.. A FEW MINUTES LATER I LEARNED FROM MFA DIRGEN KIDRON THAT (EITHER THROUGH MISUNDERSTANDING OR MISCALCULATION) GOI WAS STILL AVOIDING MAIN ISSUE. I PROCEEDED TO GIVE HIM HELL ABOUT SHORT-SIGHTED IDF ATTITUDES IN GENERAL AND ABOUT IAF CHIEF PELED'S CRUDE ATTEMPT AT BLACKMAIL IN PARTICULAR. CLEARLY TAKEN ABACK, HE PROMISED TO GET "QUICK CLARIFICATION."

2. ON WED, NOV 6, DIA DIRECTOR VADM DE POIX ANU MY DATT, IN COURSE OF IDF BRIEFINGS, WERE INFORMED BY MG ZEIRA THAT ONE OF A KIND ITEMS WOULD BE RELEASED FOR JOINT EXPLOITATION IN U.S. ZEIRA ADMITTED HE RECEIVED WORD OF MY MEETING YESTERDAY WITH PRIMIN AND IDF ASSUMED THIS SUBJECT ON AGENDA. THIS APPARENTLY WAS NUDGE IDF NEEDED TO COME UP WITH RIGHT ANSWER. INCIDENTALLY MG PELED HAS ALSO ADMITTED HE NEEDS US INFO FAST RE SA-6, AND HAS STOPPED PLAYING HIS FOOLISH GAMES.

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3. DAO IS NOW IN PROCESS OF DISCUSSING WITH IDF PRIORITIES AND SHIPPING SCHEDULES. HOPEFULLY, THE IMPASSE IS OVER AND WE CAN GET ABOUT THIS BUSINESS WITH THE URGENCY IT REQUIRED. NEEDLESS

TO SAY, THE ISRAELIS (AND I) EXPECT US TO COOPERATE 100
PERCENT IN FURNISHING FULL INFO TO GOI ON RESULTS OF EXPLOITATION
THESE ITEMS, SO AS NOT TO REPEAT UNHAPPY EXPERIENCES OF PAST
WHICH HELPED COMPLICATE THIS CURRENT SITUATION.
I SHOULD NOTE THAT ADM DE POIX RESASURANCES TO THIS
EFFECT WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED HERE.
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